

SEC. 3. Section 3975 of the Revised Statutes (sec. 493, title 39, U. S. C.) is hereby amended by striking out the semicolon and the following: "but where such service is performed over a route not established by law, he shall report the same to Congress at its meeting next thereafter, and such service shall cease at the end of the next session of Congress, unless such route is established a post route by Congress".

Approved April 4, 1953.

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CHAPTER 19

AN ACT

April 4, 1953
[H. R. 3073]

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, with respect to the survivorship benefits granted to Members of Congress.

Congress.
Survivorship ben-
efits.

53 Stat. 1201.
5 USC 698.

Effective date.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (d) of section 4 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended by the Act of August 4, 1939 (Public, Numbered 263, Seventy-sixth Congress), which is referred to in paragraph (5) of section 3A of such Act, is amended by striking out the colon after the word "section" and the following: "Provided, That no election in lieu of the life annuity provided herein shall become effective in case an employee dies within thirty days after the effective date of retirement, and in the event of such death within this period, such death shall be considered as a death in active service".

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall take effect as of January 1, 1953.

Approved April 4, 1953.

Public Law 19

CHAPTER 20

AN ACT

April 4, 1953
[H. R. 3658]

To extend for an additional two years the existing privilege of free importation of gifts from members of the Armed Forces of the United States on duty abroad.

65 Stat. 3.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of December 5, 1942, entitled "An Act to accord free entry to bona fide gifts from members of the Armed Forces of the United States on duty abroad", as amended (U. S. C., title 50 App., sec. 847), is hereby amended by striking out "July 1, 1953" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1955".

Approved April 4, 1953.

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CHAPTER 21

AN ACT

April 4, 1953
[H. R. 3659]

To extend until July 1, 1955, the period during which personal and household effects brought into the United States under Government orders shall be exempt from duty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 2 of the Act of June 27, 1942, entitled "An Act to